

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 8 and 11 has been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

Claims 1 and 5-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Baldwin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,560,448). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Baldwin.

Baldwin discloses a wireless communication device including a radio frequency (RF) circuit, a ZIF transceiver and a baseband processor. See Baldwin at Abstract. Further Baldwin discloses an RFPA that asserts a transmit detect (TX DET) signal back to a transmit ADC within the baseband processor, which provides a corresponding digital feedback signal to a MAC. The MAC includes a power control algorithm that detects the transmitted output signal via the ADC and provides a feed forward signal to an input of a transmit (TX) DAC, which asserts a transmit automatic gain control (TX AGC) signal to control the gain of a VGA (col. 9, lines 1-9).

Claim 1 of the present application recites monitoring a RSSI value at a MAC processing element to determine if data symbols have been completely transmitted from a system transmitter. Applicant submits that Baldwin fails to disclose a MAC processing element monitoring a RSSI value to determine if data symbols have been transmitted from a system transmitter. Instead, Baldwin discloses asserting a transmit detect signal back to a transmit ADC within a baseband processor that provides feedback signal to a MAC, which detects a transmitted output signal via the ADC. However, a MAC detecting a transmitted output signal is not equivalent to monitoring a RSSI value to determine if data symbols have

been completely transmitted from a system transmitter. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over Baldwin.

Claims 2-4 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baldwin in view of Wang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,005,853).

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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